Reducing Book Theft at University Libraries

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Abstract

After the local press reported how a student stole books from the University Library and sold them on the online marketplace, eBay, it became clear that hardly any research had been undertaken into book theft at university libraries. This article puts forward some valuable recommendations that could be practically implemented, mindful of the dilemma of the juxtaposed needs of social inclusion and stock security.

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30 for the theft of materials from The University of Texas at Austin's Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. Sparks also ordered that Meyer pay restitution fees of $381,595. She had pleaded guilty to one felony count of stealing valuable cultural materials from a museum. While this book had been reported missing at the Ransom Center in 1995, evidence of it being stolen was not conclusive until this discovery. The University of Texas Police Department and the FBI were then immediately brought into the case. "The true victims of library thefts are the public, students, faculty and researchers who have been denied access to these materials," said Staley.